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### Fifty Years Ago.

On May 10, 1865, in Decatur, Ill., Abraham Lincoln, having no place to sit in the crowded hall where the republican state convention was holding its second day's session, squatted near the door. "Dick" Oglesby rose and announced: "I am informed that a distinguished son of Illinois, and one whom Illinois will ever delight to honor, is present, and I wish to move that this body invite him to a seat on the stand." The motion was carried with a shout and a rush was made for the man near the door, who was lifted bodily and passed forward over the heads of the dense throng. Quickly he was seated, smiling and considerably ruffled, on the platform.

Later on Oglesby rose again and said: "There is an old democrat outside who has something he wishes to present to this convention." "Receive it!" shouted the throng of delegates. So the door opened and in walked John Hanks, bearing on his shoulders two rough old fence rails over which rose a banner inscribed: "Two Rails from a Lot Made by Abraham Lincoln and John Hanks, in the Sangamon Bottom, in the Year 1830." He was received with yells of delight. Then came shouts for a speech from Lincoln, who rose diffidently and said:

"Gentlemen: I suppose you want to know something about those things. Well, the truth is John Hanks and I did make rails in the Sangamon bottom. I don't know whether we made those rails or not; fact is, I don't think they are a credit to the makers. But I do know this: I made rails then and I think I could make better ones than these now."

After all this carefully worked up enthusiasm the resolution, offered by John M. Palmer, was passed by the delegates:

"Abraham Lincoln is the first choice of the republican party of Illinois for president and the delegates from this state to the Chicago convention are instructed to use all honorable means to secure his nomination and to cast the vote of the state as a unit for him."

On this foundation was built the candidacy of Lincoln for president, though there was a good deal of anti-Lincoln sentiment among Illinois republicans. The national convention met in Chicago May 16 and Lincoln was made the party nominee for the presidency two days later.

### Is Woman Extravagant?

Prof. Munsterberg, writing upon American problems, has come in the course of the subject of "The Intemperance of Women." He speaks of the manner in which women have set themselves against the vices of men, and covertly resents, it would seem, the credit which has been accorded to women for resisting vices which have not tempted them. When it comes to actual temptation, however he appears to think that they can show themselves as non-resistant as their brothers.

"Can there be any doubt," he inquires, "for the natural onlooker of American society on every social level that man's squandering money for beverage which he enjoys is still outdone by woman's squandering of money on gowns which she enjoys?" and he adds: "From the higher economic point of view the sums which the feminine members of the American family are spending on their exterior decoration are entirely out of proportion to those which are given for wholesome food, for the care of the body, for books and culture, for service and art, for a wise saving, or for the public good. No other civilized nation indulges in such waste as this, which has become the craving of the fairer half of the nation."

In the mere interests of justice it may be urged as a mitigating circumstance that no other nation is able to achieve results so harmonious upon so limited a sum as the really intelligent woman, and it is an axiom that many foreign women only succeed in looking dowdy as the result of an expenditure upon which the American women becomes quite miraculously smart.

### Soldiers and Will Power.

That military training strengthens the power of the will was shown by recent experiments in Austria. To determine what effect the fatigue resulting from a long march might have upon the shooting efficiency of trained soldiers, the Austrian school of musketry recently had a cyclist detachment of fifty men, all over two years' service, do sixty-five miles in eight hours, the return journey being against a strong head wind. Before and after the march they each fired ten rounds at a target representing a section of twenty-six men in skirmishing order lying down at 500 paces. Before the march the detachment made forty hits on nineteen figures; after the march, thirty eight hits on sixteen figures.

The experiment was then repeated with a section of forty-two non-commissioned officers, before and after a twenty three hours' exercise in the field during which thirty-three miles were covered. This section, consisting principally of marksmen, made eighty-one hits on twenty-one out of twenty-six figures before starting and sixty-two hits on twenty figures after their return.

But the raw recruit, when subjected to a similar test of endurance, fails to hit the target at all. He is incapable of the effort of will and firm resolve to hit which renders the trained soldier a formidable antagonist, even when his strength is exhausted by hunger and fatigue.

### Asthma.

Among all physical ills asthma is perhaps the most irritating. It is hard to endure, and terrible to observe. Its victims die a thousand deaths as far as suffering is concerned, and yet are denied the dignity of having a fatal disease, for it is one of the heartless axioms of experience that the asthmatic sufferer is quite as likely to die of old age as of his disease. It has been said that asthma is not a disease, but a state of body, and if its victims are able to extract any comfort from the knowledge that it is nervous in its origin, they are entitled to that alleviation.

Any one looking on for the first time at a wellpronounced asthmatic seizure, and no wonder, so terrifying are the symptoms. The patient fights piteously for breath, sometimes crawling for hours in one position, pallid, bathed in perspiration; but curiously enough, with all the distress, the patient does not seem to feel any real alarm as to the outcome.

The attack may pass off either rapidly or gradually, in many cases leaving no apparent aftereffect except a sense of great fatigue.

Asthma being a disease with a nervous origin, it follows that there are as many theories about it and remedies for it as there are sufferers from it. With some persons the attacks are apparently a certain outcome of eating a certain kind of food; or breathing a certain kind of air; or reaching a certain day and month of the year. Many asthmatics claim the power of cheating their enemy up to a certain point by moving to some other locality when the tragic date draws near—the asthmatics living in the valleys may pass in transit their fellow sufferers who habitually live on the hills.

Those who trace their attacks to digestive disturbance learn to avoid the starchy foods, or the fat foods, or whatever food it is that upsets them. Some cannot live near a stable; others cannot be near a certain shrub or flower. Indeed, the specialties of these unfortunate people are without number.

The asthmatic, however, has two great sources of comfort. One is the reasonable hope of reaching a good old age; the other is the fact that great help is to be found for him in a strictly hygienic mode of living. The better air he breathes, both day and night, the simpler his diet and the more wisely ordered his exercise, the fewer will be the number of his attacks.

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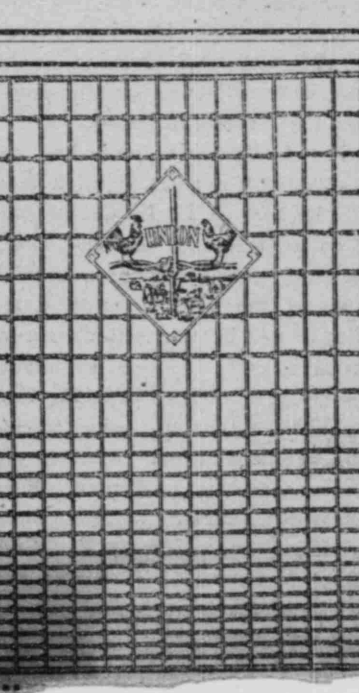
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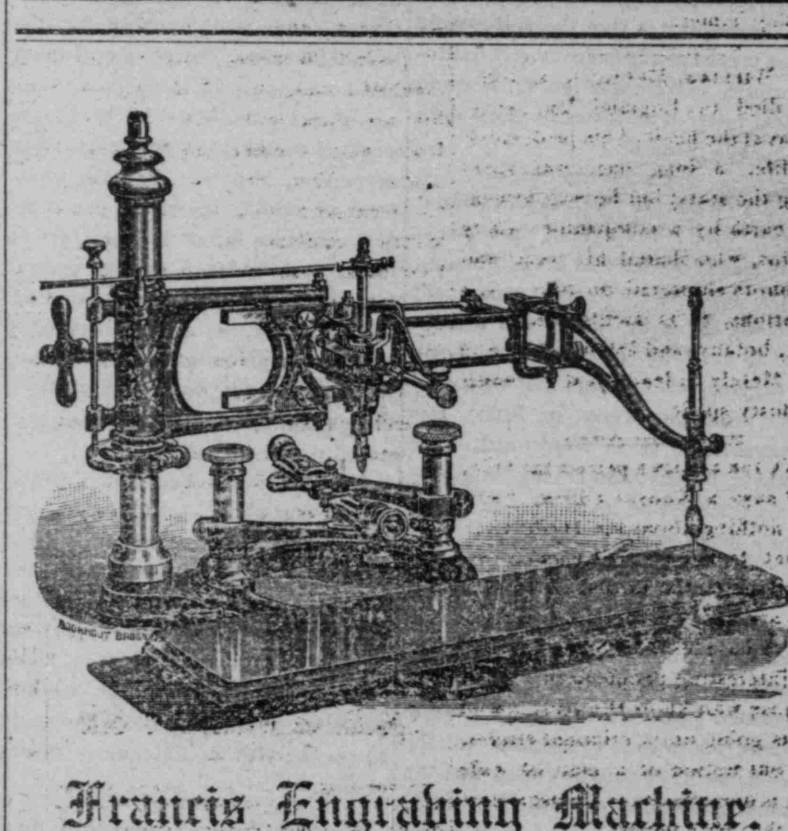
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